Dear Friends,

Thanks for joining us on the road to Kentucky's Bicentennial!

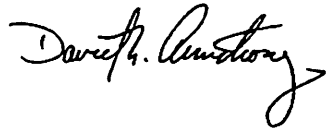
It's a long road, running for 200 years through the hills and valleys of Kentucky history. And this guide is your roadmap to the sites where Jefferson County's history was made.

Take your family on a guided tour of the tollroads and turnpikes our ancestors traveled as they settled Jefferson County. Look at the roads you travel everyday in the light of two centuries of history.

Maybe you'll start with the Wilderness Road, a route that brought Daniel Boone and George Rogers Clark from Thomas Jefferson's Virginia through the Cumberland Gap to the Falls of the Ohio. Nowadays we call that road Preston Highway, but the old Wilderness Road lies just under the surface, waiting for you to uncover it.

On foot, by bicycle, or in the car, you can witness the sites where history was made. It's a great way to share the rich and diverse heritage we celebrate in this Bicentennial year!

Sincerely,



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In 1792 Kentucky became the 15th state in the Union. Jefferson County, with its seat at Louisville, had been established for more than a decade. Rural settlements dotted the countryside.

Radiating out from Louisville, like spokes in a wheel, would develop a series of turnpikes. These tollroads frequently paralleled watercourses. Or, they followed buffalo traces between the Salt River in Bullitt County and the Falls of the Ohio at Louisville. They linked the farms in the county with the markets in the city. Until the recent construction of the interstate highway system, these turnpikes served as the primary conduits through the community.

Along these corridors were constructed cottages and carriage houses, taverns and tollgates, statues and cemeteries—physical evidence of the community's development. They reflect purposes which were urban and rural, commercial and agricultural, residential and institutional.

This guide celebrates Kentucky's 200th anniversary by presenting nearly 150 properties reflective of more than two centuries of the community's history. These sites represent a small portion of the more than 13,000 resources located throughout Louisville and Jefferson County.

Enjoy learning about the community's rich heritage; however, please remember that most of these properties are privately owned and not open to the public. They may be viewed from the public rights-of-way only. Please do not trespass.